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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, YO, GR, BU

SUBJECT: KEOGH PRESENCE AT OPENING OF US INFORMATION  
CENTER IN SKOPJE

REF: ATHENS 3075; BELGRADE 6252

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CANCELLATION OF ATTENDANCE BY USIA  
DIRECTOR KEOGH AT OPENING OF US INFORMATION CENTER IN  
SKOPJE WOULD DAMAGE RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND COULD  
ESTABLISH PRECEDENT EXPOSING THIS GOVERNMENT TO REPEATED  
INTRUSIONS BY GOG INTO US- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. WE ARE  
FULLY AWARE OF HISTORY OF GREEK SENSITIVITY REGARDING  
MACEDONIAN ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO  
REASONABLE BASIS FOR GOG TO VIEW PRESENCE OF HIGH- LEVEL  
AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT OPENING OF US GOVERNMENT CENTER AS  
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IMPINGING IN ANY REAL WAY ON GREEK INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY AS THIS EVENT WOULD OCCUR IN CONTEXT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF USIS CENTERS IN ALL REPUBLIC CAPITALS. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE LONGER- TERM EFFECT OF CANCELLATION OF KEOGH PARTICIPATION IN SKOPJE CENTER OPENING WOULD ACTUALLY BE TO EXACERBATE GREEK- YUGOSLAV DIFFERENCES.

2. FOR ATHENS: IN EVENT THERE SHOULD BE ANY QUERY OR COMPLAINT FROM GOG, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:  
( A) US RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND WITH GREECE ARE BASED ON RECOGNITION OF BOTH STATES WITH THEIR PRESENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS, SUB- DIVISIONS AND FRONTIERS;  
( B) PRESENCE OF US OFFICIAL IN SKOPJE, THEREFORE, HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE OTHER THAN IN CONTEXT OF NORMAL US- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, PRINCIPLES OF WHICH MOST AUTHORITATIVELY STATED IN OCTOBER 1971 DECLARATION; AND ( C) USIS CENTERS ALREADY EXIST IN BELGRADE, ZAGREB, LJUBLJANA, NOVI SAD, AND ARE IN PROSPECT AT SARAJEVO AND EVENTUALLY TITOGRAD. RUSH

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